

CALVIN COMMENTARY

Monthly Newsletter for John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Metairie, LA



CHRISTIAN COSTUMES

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I have not given much thought as to what I will be for Halloween. I usually pick something related to the Marvel heroes or Star Wars genre. While reflecting on that, a thought popped into my head. What are some of the different costumes we wear on a daily basis? When people meet you, is this the real you or a disguise you use to camouflage into the scene you are in? Despite more awareness, mental health still continues to be a stigma in today's society. You can't just walk around being a broken person in real life so what do you do? You put on a mask of happiness to hide the hurt inside.

My brothers and sisters, this is your invitation to take the costume off (unless it is a Halloween costume on Halloween, then keep your clothes on!). Psalm 147:3 tells us, "He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds." Jesus describes the church as a hospital for the sick, and everyone is in need of healing in some form or fashion. Brokenness does not mean you are useless. Open your heart up to God and a fellow Christian you trust so the healing can begin. There are plenty of things going on this month so make sure to check out the committee announcements and stay tuned for weekly announcements. I love you all and as always. GEAUX SAINTS!!

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KELLY'S KORNER

UPDATES FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

It's time to start rehearsing for the multi-congregation Christmas Cantata! I've attached a draft schedule - please share far and wide! We'll rehearse on Wednesdays starting October 9th, with the performance in service on December 8th. Reminder that reading music is not required, and that I'll provide learning tracks to help with at-home practice. Please do let me know if you want to participate, so I can make sure to have enough copies of the music.

Below is our draft schedule. There are ten movements in this cantata, and only seven rehearsals; please keep me updated and spend extra time with your learning tracks if you are absent. Let me know if you'd like to participate by emailing kelly.cuppett@johncalvinchurch.org

October

Wed 9 6-7:30pm Cantata Rehearsal #1

Wed 16 6-7:30pm Cantata Rehearsal #2

Wed 23 6-7:30pm Cantata Rehearsal #3

Wed 30 6-7:30pm Cantata Rehearsal #4

November

Wed 6 6-7:30pm Cantata Rehearsal #5

Wed 13 6:30-8pm Cantata Rehearsal #6

Wed 20 *No rehearsal - utilize learning tracks*

Wed 27 *No rehearsal - Happy Thanksgiving!*

December

Wed 4 6-7:30pm Cantata Rehearsal #7

Sun 8 10:15 Warm-Up & Service: *Let There Be Christmas by Joseph Martin Updated*



Monthly Food Pantry Donations

This month we are asking for donations to support the Presbyterian Women's Fall Food Drive. Please see the Committee announcements page for more information.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a Fall Food Drive from Sunday, Oct 13 – Sunday, Oct 20. The food will be given to Jefferson Presbyterian Church Food Bank, a USDA certified food bank. The food is distributed twice a month—the first and third Saturdays, servicing between 120 and 140 clients each Saturday. This is the only food bank in the area that is open on Saturday. Donations come mainly from Second Harvest with other churches, groups and individuals contributing.

Boxes will be provided to receive your donations. Should you choose to make a monetary donation, please make the check out to the church and indicate that it is for the Food Drive.

We appreciate your support!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The next worship committee meeting will be 10/7/24 at 10:30a in the church library. The meeting for September was canceled due to the hurricane. We will be joining Chinese Presbyterian Church for World Communion Sunday. That will be held on October 6th at 11a. Their location is 2901 W. Esplanade Ave, Kenner, LA 70065. They will have a potluck lunch and fellowship after service. Feel free to bring a dish! We have been invited to help with different parts of the service. Let Briana know if you would like to participate in any way.

PW Fall Food Drive

October 13 - 20, 2024



Please join the Presbyterian Women of John Calvin in donating food items for Jefferson Presbyterian Church Food Bank. You may place items in the boxes provided. Non-glass containers are preferred and consider items low in sodium/salt and sugar.

GRAINS

Breakfast cereal

Oatmeal

Pasta

Rice

Crackers

Flour

Grits

Healthy snacks

PROTEINS

Canned meat (tuna & chicken)

Dried beans, lentils, peas

Canned beans

Canned chili

Peanut butter

Nuts

Trail mix

Canned soups/ stews

COOKING OIL

Olive oil

Canola oil

Coconut oil

Vegetable oil

Monetary donations are also accepted.

Please make your check out to John Calvin Presbyterian Church (JCPC) Indicate Fall Food Drive on the check

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Canned vegetables

Canned fruits

Shelf-stable vegetable or fruit juice

Diced tomatoes

Tomato sauce

Spaghetti sauce

Dried fruits

Fruit cups

MILK

Shelf-stable milk

Evaporated milk

Dry milk

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Paper products

Diapers

Toiletries

Bottled water

Cleaning products

Disaster supplies:

(MRE's, emergency kits, etc)

Coffee



"Fall" in Love with Christian Service through Outreach!!

A HUGE THANKS to everyone who helped with the community picnic and Teacher's dedication service. Special thanks goes to Briana, Cameron (great burgers and hotdogs), Jeremy, Bill, Mary, Beverly, Emily, Joan, and Ginny. Our special offering for this quarter is the Peace and Global Witness for 9/29 and 10/6. 25% collected from the Peace and Global Witness offering will stay with John Calvin PC to help fund our glass recycling project.

Averting the practice of sending glass to the landfill, Glass Half Full crushes the area's glass waste into gravel and sand. This processed glass is put into sand bags and used to help with the prevention of coastal erosion, especially to help the indigenous people outside the levy protection. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

October is our turn to serve at Program of Hope. We will prep sandwiches every Tuesday at 2:45p and will head to First Presbyterian Church on each Wednesday to to help. You can meet everyone for 8a at FPC, or you can meet up at John Calvin for 7:40 to carpool. We depart at 7:45, and work until 10:30. As a treat, we stop at Costco for a hot dog and Coke lunch on the way back to Metairie. Come have fun while serving our under housed friends!

CLOTHING DRIVE Women's and Men's

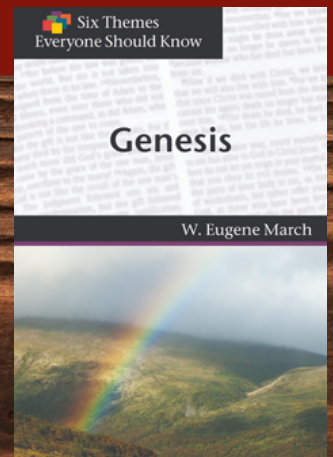
October 13-20 are the dates for our FALL + WINTER clothing drive. ESPECIALLY NEEDED are MEN'S Fall and Winter shirts, jeans, casual pants, sturdy plain walking shoes, socks, hats and caps, any type of T shirts, jackets and sweaters. Also needed are UNUSED PACKAGED boxers, briefs and panties. Leave packaged. (Cannot accept unpackaged) White Shirts and Black Pants for food service work are needed- men's and women's. PLEASE NO SUITS OR FANCY clothes or shoes, NOR summer clothes. These will be sorted and distributed to POH friends. PROGRAM

OF HOPE Clothes Sorting Party will be

October 21 at 9:30a. We will sort, mark, fold and box up the Fall + Winter clothing to take to Program of Hope at FPCNO. Come have fun as we organize these treasures.

We would like to extend a BIG thank you to all who helped with the Teacher's Service. We got tons of great feedback from the teachers and other worshippers. We have gotten great responses about more Christian fellowship so stay tuned as we develop and schedule more outings with each other. We are pleased to announce that after Briana's "Off the Deep End" series is finished, a new Adult Sunday school series will start with Rev. Jan Condren from 10/20-11/24. She will take us through the book, *Six Themes in Genesis Everyone Should Know* by W. Eugene March. Books are available through the PCUSA store for \$13, but you can also shop on amazon for a better deal and faster delivery. Let Briana know if you need assistance with that.

The playschool will have their Gift Wrap/Cookie Fundraiser this month from 10/7-10/18, and their Trunk or Treat will be 10/25. Please let Briana know if you would like to participate in any of these.



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Note from Deacons

If anyone is in need of pastoral care or has a prayer request, please text, call or email one of the deacons.

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JOHN CALVIN PLAYSCHOOL 10/7 – 10/18

John Calvin Playschool is excited to fundraise with
Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough & Cherrydale Gifts!



To Order Online:

Go to: WWW.SHOPFUND.COM

Fundraiser Key: 1365470 / Student Code: OIQ1J7BQ

Pay with Credit or Debit Card

You can have your order shipped to your home OR shipped to the Playschool
BUT all frozen/refrigerated items must be picked up as soon as they arrive.
We do NOT have the freezer space to store all frozen/refrigerated items.
All items are set to be delivered to the Playschool on or around **12/4**.

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- ❖ Sale starts October 7th
- ❖ Sale ends and all money due by October 18th
- ❖ All checks must be made payable to JOHN CALVIN PLAYSCHOOL
- ❖ Please add 50¢ per item for tax to help offset the tax

- ❖ Turn in money and order forms by October 18th or order online and submit by October 18th.
- ❖ Make sure your name/phone number is on all forms and that the money turned in matches the money owed.
- ❖ **You must pickup frozen/refrigerated items when the order is delivered – DELIVERY ESTIMATED 12/4**

**Get
Involved
with our
Playschool
!!!!**

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 25

6:00- 8:00 PM



**Please let Lauren know if you will
host a trunk ASAP- WE NEED
TRUNKS TO MAKE THE EVENT!**

Lots and Lots of CANDY DONATIONS, INDIVIDUAL
SNACKS, GUMMIES, MINI WATERS, & CAPRI-SUNS
NEEDED---PLEASE BRING TO PLAYSCHOOL OFFICE

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!



Evelyn Tobey 10/1

Lauren Cali 10/2

Joan Albright 10/7

Brendan Isham 10/9

Larry Wise 10/9

Suzanna Wooderson 10/15

Michael Sens 10/15

Sean Sens 10/15

Laurell Brown 10/17

Ragina Isham 10/19

Barbara McHan 10/23

Louise Fuller 10/28



Have a spooktacular birthday!!



PRAYER LIST

These are the prayer requests that we have had over the last month, please continue to pray for these various needs.

SEPTEMBER

September 29

- Kit Melchert. She is in the hospital with severe health issues. Please keep her daughters, Stephanie and Becky, in your prayers as well.
- Mary Jane and Jeff, Bill's sister and brother-in-law, who are battling Covid.
- Sam and Kelly who lost personal items due to a power company failure.
- Continued prayers for Bill Bottomley.

September 22

- Continued prayers for the Engel family that God will lay out a path for a better job and living situation.
- Prayers for Kelly and Sam, who lost their electronic home organ during Hurricane Francine.

September 15

- Prayers for the Engel Family and a better job for Charles.
- Prayers for teachers, students, and families. Especially those of Appalachee High in Georgia who are mourning and processing yet another tragedy.

September 8

- Praise report! Bob Malsbury had his pacemaker placed last week and is doing good at home with recovery.
- Paise report! Ron Palmisano had a successful surgery and will start physical therapy soon.
- Prayers for Bill Bottomley who is having a cardiac procedure on Tuesday.

September 1

- Prayers for Cynthia and Ron Palmisano. Ron is having hip surgery on September 4th.

August 25

- Welcome back to the Fortins and continued prayers for our fearless Sharon on her health journey!

August 18

- Family of Edith Caching who passed away on 8/8. Service for her will be held August 23 at 11a at Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home.
- Alena, who is battling issues at home, and her mother is in bad health.

August 11

- Kelly Cuppett and her family; she is away today for the funeral mass of her grandmother Anne Marie O'Hara.
- Bill's former coworker Jerry who has lung cancer. He had surgery to remove part of his lung this past Monday

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CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH HEALTH ISSUES: Zoey Gordy, Teddy Brock, Ernest and Patricia Ellis, Neil Freudenthal, Buddy Haw, Tony Hill, Tom Moore, Wayne Tracy, Bob Wooderson, and others struggling with health issues

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we
are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life
is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

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